

Notice of Allowability

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the amendment filed as of 7/13/07.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 38-51, 53-55, 65, 69-71, 103-108, and 113-115 renumbered as claims 1-30 respectively.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____


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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Anthony Bourget on 8/8/07.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the claims:

In claim 38, line 6, --the at least one of the channels including a first lip and a second lip oriented at an acute angle with respect to the first lip,-- has been inserted after "adjacent panels and".

In claim 39, last line, "the opposing channels" has been changed to --opposing channels--

In claim 40, line 6, --, the at least one channel including a first lip and a second lip oriented at an acute angle with respect to the first lip-- has been inserted after "panels".

In claim 44, lines 1-3, "wherein the at least another channel includes a first lip and a second lip oriented at an acute angle with respect to the first lip" has been changed to --wherein said post extends along a majority of a length of at least one of the at least two channels--.

In claim 45, line 1, "claim 44" has been changed to --claim 40--.

In claim 45, line 2, "the channel" has been changed to --the at least another channel--.

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In claim 53, line 12, "at least one panel" has been changed to --at least first panel--.

In claim 55, line 12, "at least one panel" has been changed to --at least first panel--.

In claim 55, lines 13-14, "the opposing side panels" has been changed to --the first panel and the adjacent panel--.

In claim 65, line 15, "the opposing channels" has been changed to --opposing channels--.

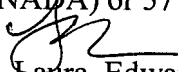
In claim 69, line 6, "the adjacent panel" has been changed to --an adjacent panel--.

In claim 69, lines 1-2, "such as a wall or ceiling" has been removed.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Laura Edwards whose telephone number is (571) 272-1227. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Philip Tucker can be reached on (571) 272-1095. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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